

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 24 OF THE 2003 INDIANA FIRE CODE

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WILL BE HELD ON:

MARCH 17 – 10:00 A.M. – INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH, 402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, CONFERENCE CENTER ROOM 19, INDIANAPOLIS.

MAY 3 – 10:00 A.M. - INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH, 402 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, CONFERENCE CENTER ROOM B, INDIANAPOLIS.

- Individual tents of 200 square feet or less, and canopies of 400 square feet or less, where there is no cooking of any kind are not regulated at all. (Sec. 2401.1)
- Individual tents of more than 200 square feet and canopies of more than 400 square feet where there is no cooking of any kind have to comply with Sections 2403.2, 2403.3, 2403.4, and 2304.5 (separation distances and fire breaks) UNLESS the total aggregate area of the combined tents and canopies is less than 15, 000 square feet. (Sec. 2401.1)
- Tents in which cooking occurs that doesn't use open or exposed flame cooking equipment can be in any tent or under any canopy that is *flame resistant in accordance with NFPA 701*. (Sec. 2411.5)
- Flame resistance most commonly is shown by either (i) a mark stamped into the fabric of the tent with the seal of the California State Fire Marshal on it, and/or (ii) a label sewn into the tent that: (a) states the tent fabric complies with NFPA 701; or (b) has the seal of the California State Fire Marshal imprinted on it.
- Cooking that uses open or exposed flame cooking equipment can be performed in a tent of less than 200 square feet or under a canopy of less than 400 square feet IF: the tent or canopy is separated from everything else (buildings, vehicles, other tents and canopies, property lines, etc.) by at least 10 feet on all sides. (Sec. 2406.6)
- If any cooking in any tent or under any canopy is performed using commercial heat food processing equipment and the cooking process produces grease laden vapors, the cooking equipment must be installed in accordance with the Indiana Mechanical Code, including the venting. No suppression system is required. (Sec. 2406.6)

- If any cooking in any tent or under any canopy is performed without using commercial heat food processing equipment and the cooking process produces grease laden vapors, then surfaces subject to oil/grease deposits shall be cleaned so that the accumulation of oil/grease doesn't exceed .025" (*basically if you can see the accumulation, it needs to be cleaned*). (Sec. 2406.6)
- Outdoor cooking (not under or in anything) that creates sparks must be at least 10 feet away from buildings, vehicles, tents and canopies, property lines, etc. on all sides. (Sec. 2411.6)
- Portable LP containers cannot exceed 500 gallons. Any larger quantity of LP **MUST BE IN A PERMANENT INSTALLATION THAT COMPLIES WITH THE INDIANA FIRE AND MECHANICAL CODES.** (Sec. 2412.2.2)
- Portable LP containers shall be separated from any fuel operated device by at least 10 feet and can never be located within or under a tent or canopy.
- "COOKING" means to prepare food using processes such as; boiling, roasting, baking, broiling and frying by a method of exposure to flame or heat that prepares food suitable for consumption.
- "OPEN OR EXPOSED FLAME EQUIPMENT" means equipment with flame that is visible during the ordinary use of the equipment or device.